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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 27, 2006, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application:

Pending Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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